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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF KENYAN DELEGATION

REF: A) NAIROBI 1174; B) STATE 1295; C) STATE 017282

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RECEIVE HIGH LEVEL KENYAN DELEGATION DURING LATTER HALF
OF FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN HORN, KENYAN DEFENSE
NEEDS, OR OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO GOK.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EXPLORING WITH
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